REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116 - EXPEDITED PROCEDURE - TECHNOLOGY CENTER 1700 Application Serial No. 10/806,894 (BB 0411) Attorney Docket No. 2001-IP-005267U1P2

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Group Art Unit: EOFF ET AL. δ Confirmation No.: 2392 Serial No.: 10/806,894 § Examiner: FIGUEROA, JOHN J. Filed: MARCH 23, 2004 Title: "PERMEABILITY MODIFYING DRILLING FLUIDS AND METHODS OF Atty. Docket No: 2001-IP-005267U1P2 Use" § § δ CERTIFICATE OF FILING ELECTRONICALLY VIA EFS 37 C.F.R. § 1.8 I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT I HAVE A REASONABLE BASIS FOR BELIFF THAT THIS CORRESPONDENCE IS BEING SUBMITTED TO THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE VIA EFS (ELECTRONICALLY) ON THE DATE INDICATED BELOW, AND IS ADDRESSED TO:

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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION, MAILED DECEMBER 17, 2008

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Dear Honorable Commissioner:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed on December 17, 2008 (the "Final Office Action"), Applicants submit this response and respectfully request reconsideration of the Examiner's rejections. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner issue an Advisory Action if the Examiner does not find the claims to be allowable in light of the remarks made herein. Applicants submit the following:

- Listing of the Claims, which begin on page 2 of this paper and
- Remarks/Arguments, which begin on page 7 of this paper.